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Applicant(s): Bin Zhao Atty Docket No.: 60944.1417

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Serial No.: 09/317536 Client Ref.: 97RSS256-DIV

Filed: May 24, 1999 Group Art Unit: 2812

TITLE: INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby timely respond to the office action dated December 10, 1999, within the three-month shortened statutory period to respond. Please amend the captioned application as follows.

In The Specification

Page 4, line 9, after "contact", please insert --resistance--

Page 14, line 24, please delete "5A-5H" and insert therefore --5A-5I--

Page 14, line 26, please delete "crpss-sectional" and insert therefore --cross-sectional

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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